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Message:

Dear Mr. Fenel,

Further to our telephone conversation earlier today, transmitted herewith is a marked-up copy of the changes to the claims accompanying the Amendment & Response filed on December 16, 2003 for U.S. Patent Application No. 09/539,218, entitled "Claim Assessment Model" (Beinat et al.) This marked-up version corrects certain typographical errors in the prior submission and clarifies that all independent claims were amended (and distinguished) over the combination of the cited prior art references. The dependent claims remain unchanged in this Amendment, but are argued to be allowable in view of the changes and distinctions over the cited prior art of the independent claims upon which the dependent claims are based.

Please call me at any time at 212-408-5275 if there are any further questions or concerns regarding this application and/or the Amendment & Response dated December 16, 2003.

Best regards,

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